NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2007 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BASIN PLAN

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board), is reviewing its Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) pursuant to Section 13240 of the California Water Code, and Section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1313(c)(1)). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for ground and surface waters in the Colorado River Basin Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. The Basin Plan is reviewed for adequacy approximately every three years, hence the term “Triennial Review”. The objective of the Triennial Review is to reaffirm water quality standards and parts of the Basin Plan that effectively protect water quality, and to identify potential water quality problems that may result in Basin Plan amendments.

Regional Board staff notified the public of the Regional Board’s intent to conduct a Triennial Review in a Public Notice, dated August 1, 2007. A preliminary list of water quality issues that may result in Basin Plan amendments was provided for public review and comment (Triennial Review List). Based on comments received, the attached Final Draft 2007 Triennial Review List was prepared.

Staff is soliciting public input, an integral part of the Triennial Review process, for recommendations or revisions to the Final Draft 2007 Triennial Review List. The comment period will extend from January 21, 2008, to March 3, 2008. Written responses will be provided to comments received during the comment period. Depending on their relevancy, comments received after the comment period may be addressed at the Regional Board meeting described below, during which the Regional Board will consider adoption of the Final Draft 2007 Triennial Review List. The hearing on the matter is scheduled as follows:

DATE: March 19, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m., (during the Regional Board’s regular meeting)
LOCATION: City Council Chambers
          City of Indio
          150 Civic Center Mall
          Indio, CA 92201
During the public hearing portion of the meeting, the Regional Board will consider public comments and the staff’s recommendation on the matter. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider approval of the Final Draft 2007 Triennial Review List. If the Regional Board approves the Final Draft 2007 Triennial Review List, it will direct its Executive Officer to follow up on the priority issues and forward the administrative record concerning the Triennial Review to the State Water Resources Control Board for its consideration and approval. Prior to its adoption, the Regional Board may make changes to the Final Triennial Review List, provided that the changes are consistent with the purpose of the Triennial Review.

Triennial Review documents may be reviewed by appointment at the Regional Board office, which is located at the address provided on this letterhead. Copies of Triennial Review documents may also be obtained by contacting Jeong-Hee Lim by telephone at (760) 776-8940, or by email at JLim@waterboards.ca.gov.

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922.

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JOSE L. ANGEL, P.E. Date
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